

DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. The Director indicated that the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities would be continued. The membership is not yet firmly decided upon; however, Dr. Killian of MIT may be asked to return and chair this Board, Admiral Souers may be asked to sit on it and Mr. Baker of Baker Committee fame is also a possible candidate. (In connection with Mr. Baker, the Director said that he had talked with him about the Department of State's "room within a room." Mr. Baker thinks that the Department's room is not good at all and that while ours is a great deal better it still needs some improvement and he will be glad to work with us in making the necessary changes.)

b. I was somewhat embarrassed when the Director raised for general discussion a memorandum which he had received from [redacted] concerning KY-1 telephones. I had not seen nor heard of the memorandum before. In any case, it was decided that no changes would be made in KY-1 installations at this time and that any changes which were made in the future would be consistent with the arrangement for these facilities when we move into the new building.

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c. I was also embarrassed to learn at the Deputies' Meeting that Larry Houston had prepared a letter---which the Director had signed---to Judge Bryan as a result of his meeting there a few days ago. The Director was surprised and annoyed that I had not seen this letter and told [redacted] in effect, not to let this happen again. I have also discussed the matter with Larry and emphasized the necessity of keeping me advised on this sort of thing. As a matter of fact, in this particular case I had personally referred the letter to Larry and it was inexcusable that it was not routed back through here or that I was not at least told of the fact that it had been written.

d. The confused situation with regard to briefings for Ambassadors was discussed. It was the unanimous opinion that while we might have to participate in the briefings at the Department of State we still wanted our own CIA Briefings on CIA premises. Mr. Amory was requested to get in touch with Ambassador Kalijarvi and make the Agency's position known. I have advised [redacted] of this decision.

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9. [REDACTED] Central Cover Division, and I went to the Pentagon to meet with General Edmundson, the Acting Director of Personnel for the Air Force, to talk with him about recalling [REDACTED] to active duty. His initial reception was pretty cold, but after explaining our reasoning to him he said that he understood, was sympathetic to our request and directed Major Cook to work out the necessary details so that these two individuals could be recalled to active duty. After meeting with General Edmundson we stopped by to see [REDACTED] "Office" and left an official request for these recalls. Spore asked me what the status of our Fiscal Year 1962 estimates for military personnel was. I told him that I would check on this. (I have asked Emmett Echols to let me know about this so that I might in turn call Captain Spore.)

10. Matt Baird advised me that he may have to go into the hospital for some surgery. He won't know until Wednesday at which time he is having a more thorough and detailed examination.

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